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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed April 6, 2001. A three-month extension of time is requested herewith. The Examiner has indicated that claims 1 and 7 are pending in the application, and claims 1 and 7 are rejected. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph: